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EXTERNAL AUDIT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government plan to introduce external audit for monitoring the progress of the projects for the next fiscal year;

(b): if so, the projects proposed to be brought under the purview of External Audit; and

(c): the reasons therefore and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) to (c): Sir,

A system for audit of Government expenditure through Comptroller and Auditor General of India is already in place. Further, as announced in the Budget Speech for 2005-06, it has been decided to lay emphasis on measurement of development outcomes and programme impact through evaluation of major plan schemes and programmes. These evaluations will provide feedback regarding the relevance and impact of programmes and enable Government to make course corrections to improve quality. Evaluations will be funded from the budgets of the concerned Departments/programmes.